

## Notes of the Inter-State Fair.

Kansas City may well feel proud of the success of its fair and of the festivities attendant upon carnival week. This is becoming the great western fair for Kansas, Missouri and neighboring states. Immense crowds swelled the city to visit the fair and see the famed Priests of Pallas parade. The farmers and country merchants came on business, and made many purchases of exhibitors and wholesale houses. But a few words can be spared, and those only for the exhibitors in exposition building.

## I. X. L. WIND ENGINES.

These well-known mills took first premium on both wood and steel wheels. These mills, made for sixteen years, deserve to stand at the head and in the lead, and the opinion of the judges is but the echo of that of the thousands who are using them. The Phelps & Bigelow Windmill Co. were given a most flattering letter from the awarding committee. We hope to publish it next week.

## WEBER ENGINES.

A hundred thousand readers of the ADVOCATE know of the Weber Gasoline Engine, but very few of them have seen it in operation. A specimen engine driving a force pump occupied a conspicuous position in the machine exhibits. The Weber engines are very inexpensive in operation. Twenty-five cents will drive a three or four horse-power engine one day of ten hours. No engineer is required, or is any attention needed after starting it; no water service is needed and it can not explode, and when the tank is filled with gasoline and the engine started it does its work more faithfully than any windmill. The engine is made in from three to fifty horse-power sizes. So popular is this engine that the foundry is several months behind in their special orders. The engines are being used to drive threshing machines, grain elevators, corn shellers, flour mills, corn and feed mills, sawmills, and for any purpose where a clean, compact and cheap power is required. We publish a small cut of it in our advertising columns, or write to the company at Drawer 950, Kansas City, Mo., for large cuts, full description and price list free.

## MIDLAND MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The very name of Midland Manufacturing Co., of Kansas City, Mo., is pleasant to thousands of western farmers who believe with good reason that the implements that bear the "Midland" mark are as near perfection as it is possible to make them. Under the management of Mr. W. H. Chadbourne, the line of implements they are manufacturing and handling has been so extended in variety and perfected in inventive skill and workmanship that no one acquainted with the merits of farm machinery thinks of buying an eastern implement if the Midland's goods can be found at his dealer's house. A rival of the Monitor hay press, so well known to ADVOCATE readers, is the new Electric, the most complete hay press ever made. The Electric took first premium over the half dozen makes exhibited, together with the Midland corn harvester, a practical machine that after the most severe tests has proven itself a complete success in harvesting and shocking corn. Mr. P. D. Myers, secretary of the company, showed the Midland Electric and the Midland corn harvesters to the large number of interested people investigating the exhibit.

## MOOK STAR HAND BALE TIE MACHINE.

The rapidity and ease with which one man made bale-ties was surprising to the crowd always gathered around the Mook Star Hand Bale-tie Machine, of Kansas City, Mo. Without moving a step in the operation, and using but one hand, he made ties at the rate of 800 per hour. Its operation is automatic, and it is simplicity itself. It is so light running and simple that a ten-year boy can operate it with ease. It is smaller than any other, and can be carried about by one man with ease to the place of use. The tie has four twists, and the ends are laid down evenly as though pounded together. The leverage is very powerful, and tension quick and strong, leaving the wire smooth and straight after its lightning changes. The Crescent Wire Stand that is made by the same company is claimed to be the best made, since it saves time, money, labor and

doubtless much ill-tamper, for in feeding off the wire to the tie machine it is impossible for the wire to tangle in any way. The recommendations of those using the Mook Hand Bale-tie Machine and Crescent holder are of the highest order, and those acquainted with the leading machines are very enthusiastic over the many points of superiority in this machine.

## JOHNSON-LEWIS SUPPLY CO.

Near the center of the basement floor was the exhibit of the Johnson-Lewis Supply Co. They are famous throughout the west as the leading dealers in machinery and mill supplies. Their exhibit, from lack of ground space, was reared high in the air. The huge Gilbert wood split pulleys, built entirely of hard maple with eccentric bushings together with the rope transmission pulleys, caught the eye first from their size and color. Their weight is evidently but a fraction of the iron pulley, and their durability is much greater, taking breakages into account. A fine line of mechanical and electrical goods were also shown, together with a wonderful display of belting, specimen rolls of their giant seamless stitched belting, the ten-ply straw-board belting made at Andersonville, Ind., and belting made from every suitable material of all sizes and plys attracted the attention of mill men, threshers, and machine men continually, while builders were examining the asbestos roofing, which is claimed to be acid, water and fireproof. The exhibit was but a faint index of the amount and variety of goods handled by this firm. A visit to the house at 1228 Union Ave., or a catalogue, mailed on request, will impress the magnitude of their business upon the interested.

## HENNEY BUGGY CO.

The exhibit of the Henney Buggy company, while not so extensive as some, elicited universal praise of all from its fine quality. It took first premium over a half dozen competitors. Indeed, this company is widely known for the superior work, honest material and fine finish of their product. So popular are their vehicles, and so great the increasing demand that the factory at Freeport, Ill., has been greatly enlarged the past summer, and new machinery added to facilitate the supply of their goods equal to the demand. J. A. Wood, whose connection with the company as manager of the western branch is a guarantee of the high standing of the company, is pushing these goods rapidly through the west. The writer remembers the advice of a friend who met him in a strange town trying to select the best of the two hostleries in the place, one established in the dim past, the other within the year. Though unacquainted with either, he promptly recommended the new one, on the principle that "the old house was doing business on its reputation, while the other was doubtless seeking business on its merits." A trial proved his conclusions to be correct. Without the age of some competitors, yet the Henney Buggy and Wagon company is becoming well known from the merits their vehicles possess. They are establishing a reputation for the best work that it will be fatal to them to injure. If dealers fail to show you these vehicles, insist upon them ordering a catalogue for you of J. A. Wood, manager, Kansas City, Mo.

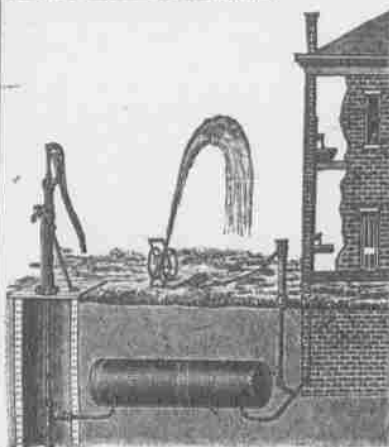
## BULLENE, MOORE, EMERY &amp; CO.

Any description of the representative houses of Kansas City would be incomplete without including the mammoth dry goods and department house of Bullene, Moore & Emery. The contents of their massive seven-story building bounded by Walnut, Eleventh and Grand avenues, and covering just half a block, is an exposition in itself. It is an emporium at which the prospective bride and groom can furnish a house from cellar to attic with everything needed for successful housekeeping without leaving the store. The firm name has become a household one in the west, because of its merit and the low prices at which its goods are sold. They claim their ability to sell cheaply comes from the vast variety of goods they sell; that if they depended upon one line of goods alone the sales would not be sufficient to afford a profit unless sold at high prices, but with a large variety a very slight advance in the selling price of each line gives enough profit on the whole. There is much

to commend about this firm. They have the reputation of treating their clerks very kindly and considerately, and in no other store in Kansas City are the customers treated with as much politeness and respect by the salespeople. Age, dress and appearance make no seeming difference in the courtesy shown to visitors or purchasers. Those who are unable to make personal purchases can order goods by mail or express. A card should be mailed the firm, mentioning the ADVOCATE, and asking your name to be put on the mailing list for fall catalogue.

## WATERWORKS FOR HOMES.

Solomon, in his pessimistic claim of "Nothing new under the sun," would certainly have made an exception of the new system of operating waterworks by compressed air that is made by Kirtly Bros., in Kansas City, had he seen it in operation. Thousands admired the simplicity and practicability of this method of elevating water by simple pressure of the air. Anyone can have all the advantages of a city system of waterworks for the residence, lawn or stable, and the pure water from your own well can be turned on in any room in the building by turning the faucet. A small cut of the system is given, but we lack space to explain its principles.



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The Economist Plow Co. carried off all premiums in their line.

The Monarch scale, made by N. H. Strait, took first premium over several others. They are Kansas City people.

The Electric hay press took first, and the Scott hay press second premiums. The Lightning received honorable mention.

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